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District: 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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CALTRANS AND COUNTY EXCHANGE ROADS IN THE SHANDON AREA

Caltrans and the County of San Luis Obispo have exchanged responsibilities for routes in and near the community of Shandon. At the county's request, the state has transferred to the county a portion of West and East Centre Street that passes through the center of town. In exchange, the state now has responsibility for the portion of West Centre Street to the intersection of State Route 46 and McMillan-Canyon Road. This will allow the county to implement improvements planned for the Shandon area.

"I really appreciate Caltrans finding a way for us to achieve the local vision for the route in the community", said Supervisor Frank Mecham. "This is an important step in shaping the future as outlined in the Shandon Community Plan, which was recommended for adoption by the County Planning Commission on September 8, 2011. The County Board of Supervisors will consider the community plan beginning in November, 2011.

Caltrans District Director Rich Krumholz said, "This allows the community to achieve their goals while we continue to serve travelers in this part of the county with a vital connection to Highway 46 opposite McMillan Road. It's a real win-win for everyone."

The Route Transfer was approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on September 15, 2011 and became effective on September 23, 2011.

The county's anticipated improvements for the route through town will include curb, gutter, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and street trees. In addition, the county will be able to add traffic control and calming features to enhance the pedestrian environment in town.

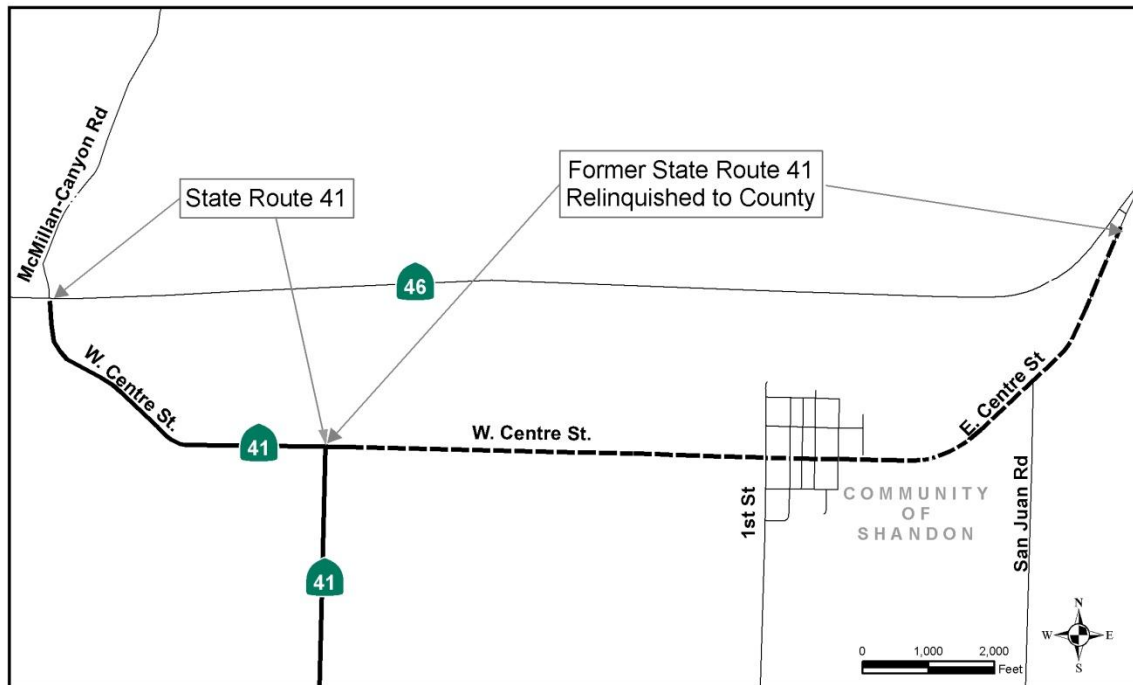
Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through Caltrans construction zones.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm

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